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From: Paul Dicky
Sent: Thur 7/14/2016 5:19:47 PM
Subject: Re: Pollution Report #2 Holy Trinity Cemetery

Thanks Eric,
I looked again on the web site and didn't notice the map that would describe the project areas
Paul

>>> <Daly.Eric@epa.gov> wrote:

Good Morning. There is a map on the website in the photo section.

The town of Lewiston requested we perform some work at those residences. There is no indication historically or our data that suggests there is a need. However, I offered to perform gamma survey of the properties of individual residence want. I haven't heard back from the town.

Area 5 is a residence that we found the slag road went through the property according to homeowner account. We did not find any gamma readings inside or out that exceeded background. However, there was increased radon in the basement. So we installed a radon mitigation system. It could be naturally

occurring but it would be hard to prove so justified the work based on history and proximity to slag road pathway.

I'm driving back to NJ now. Talk to you later

Regards,

Eric

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On Jul 14, 2016, at 9:30 AM, Paul Dicky
<Paul.Dicky@niagaracounty.com> wrote:

Hi Eric,

I was hoping you had a map that could locate how the project is divided into different Areas. It would help when reading about the different projects.

We are meeting with the Town of Lewiston next Monday evening, I am guessing their primary interest is concerns from the adjacent residential properties. I am most curious about EPA's activities as you leave the cemetery property.

For example, the residential radon with mitigation....was that on the cemetery or off

site?
Paul

>>> <holytrinitycemetery@epaosc.org>

wrote:

Good Evening:

Attached is the most recent Pollution Report for Holy Trinity Cemetery Site.

Reporting Period: 04/14/2016 through 07/13/2016

- **On April 18, 2016, OSC Daly, Health Physicist Nguyen, Weston (3) and Guardian (3) mobilized to Site. Data rams air monitoring and Radeco air sampling were utilized during operations. Skid steers with brush hog and forestry attachments cleared fence perimeter in Area 1 in order to conduct additional gamma survey with Ludlum 2241-2 with 44-20 NaI probe utilizing the Viper system.**
- **April 19-26, 2016, crew continued to clear brush from Areas 2, 3, 4 and 6. Gamma survey of Area 6 completed. The majority of Area 3 has been gamma surveyed.**
- **April 21, 2016, the fence post were set into place in Area 1. Ariel Iglesias, Paul Giardina and Oleg Povetko visited HTC. OSC Daly also did site walk with the group at Niagara Falls Boulevard Site. Town of Lewiston representatives visited the Site and provided additional contact information to OSC.**
- **On April 29, 2016, the radon sampling results were received for the residence in Area 5. The basement exhibited readings above 4 pCi/L.**

- On May 24, 2016, OSC and GES conducted walkthrough at Area 5 residence with radon mitigation system subcontractor.
- On June 5, 2016, the radon mitigation system was installed at Area 5 residence.
- By request, on June 20, 2016, Mike Basile (USEPA Public Affairs) attended the Town of Lewiston Environmental Board Meeting. There were six members of the commission present as well as two guests and the town clerk. Mike provided the board with a copy of the Holy Trinity fact sheet and also provided some maps to illustrate the areas that have been fenced off. The chairperson Gerry Wolfgang asked that USEPA consider conducting residential surveying to the west of the fenced off area.
- Due to historical information provided and current USEPA data at Area 5, it was determined to perform soil sampling along the path of the roadway that extended from the cemetery through the Area 5 property.
- On July 5, 2016, the Dan Telvock news report was released via newspaper internet and Channel 2 news broadcast. This report covered potential/existing radiological sites within the Niagara County area. Some information was based on in-person interview with OSC Daly on June 10, 2016. Both Niagara Falls Boulevard and Holy Trinity Sites were mentioned in the news piece.
- On July 7, 2016, the Town of Lewiston approved soil boring sampling on Roberts Avenue along the pathway of the cemetery road.
- On July 8, 2016, OSC and Weston visit Area 5 and marked out soil sampling locations.
- Late afternoon July 13, 2016, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer put out a press request to urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct an updated and comprehensive assessment of the numerous radioactive hotspots in Niagara County and the Grand Island area. This request appears directly related to recent news reports covering the Niagara Falls Boulevard Site, the Holy Trinity Site and other areas of interest in Niagara County.

Anticipated Activities:

- Mobilize back on Site August 1, 2016.
- Post installation radon canister sampling.
- Soil Sampling in Area 5.
- Potential gamma survey assessment in residences along Roberts Avenue.

EPA has been coordinating with NYS, Niagara County and local representatives throughout the assessment process.

Regards,

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Attached is a Pollution Report (POLREP) regarding:

USEPA Region II
Holy Trinity Cemetery
5401 Roberts Avenue, Lewiston, NY

To view this POLREP, please open the attachment.

For additional information regarding this site,
please visit the website by clicking on this link:
<http://www.epaosc.org/holytrinitycemetery>

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